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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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Sir:

Applicants request review of the Final Rejection dated March 7, 2006 in the above-captioned application. No amendments are being filed with this request. This request is being filed with a Notice of Appeal. Please consider the reasons stated herein.

REASONS FOR REQUEST

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over WO 01/33846 to Burstyn (hereinafter, merely “Burstyn”).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An optical state modulation method comprising:

periodically modulating luminance of an original display image in temporal domain so as to generate an optical state variation on a recorded image that is obtained by image-capturing of the modulated display image...

utilizing a rotation filter, including a rotate-able filter part having a sinusoidal density variation along its circumferential direction, in said luminance modulation.” (emphasis added)

ARGUMENTS

The §103 Rejections Should be Withdrawn Because the Cited References Do Not Disclose Each and Every Element Recited in the Claims

It is respectfully submitted that Burstyn fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Specifically, the Office Action states that “Burstyn does not explicitly recite a rotating filter...” (See Office Action page 3).

The Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art for Burstyn to “utilizing a rotation filter, including a rotate-able filter part having a sinusoidal density variation along its circumferential direction, in said luminance modulation.”

Applicants traverse and request that the Examiner provide documentary evidence to support the Examiner's position in accordance with MPEP 2144.03(C). Moreover, Applicants submit that Burstyn does not provide a rotation filter which includes a rotate-able filter part having a

sinusoidal density variation along its circumferential direction, in said luminance modulation as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that Burstyn fails to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that there is no teaching or suggestion of an optical state modulation method utilizing a rotation filter, including a rotate-able filter part having a sinusoidal density variation along its circumferential direction, in said luminance modulation, as recited in claim 1.

Applicants submit that to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings either in the references themselves or in the general knowledge available to one of ordinary skill in the art; second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success; third, the prior art reference or references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. M.P.E.P. § 2143.

Applicants submit that the fact that Burstyn relates to preventing the illegal recording of film and video through a film anti-piracy system by introducing distortion into an illegally copied image while maintaining a high quality image for viewing by a legitimate audience is not sufficient to assert that it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to clarify Burstyn to teach utilizing a rotation filter, including a rotate-able filter part having a sinusoidal density variation along its circumferential direction, in said luminance modulation, as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that there is no suggestion or motivation for one skilled in the art to utilize a rotation filter having a rotate-able filter part in luminance modulation.

Therefore the instant invention is not obvious and Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 10-23 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 10-23 are patentable.

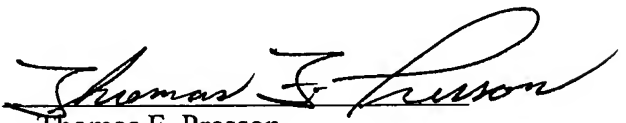
The other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the above-identified reasons.

Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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